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1. The Rekord Shoe Factory was located at 137-139 Lenin Street in Riga. Until the war, the factory was owned by Paflanski (fmu). After the war it was enlarged and, in 1957, it employed about 800 workers in two shifts.

2. The plant consisted of the following sections (production figures are for 1957):

a. Section for high-topped boots made of "Kerza" (Kerzoviye Sapogi). The section, which was equipped with two automatic conveyors, produced 600-700 pairs per shift.

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b. Leather shoe section, which produced 1,000-1,100 pairs of men's and women's shoes per shift. In 1957 an automatic conveyor was installed in this section.

c. Section for slippers and rubber-soled sports shoes, which produced 900-1,000 pairs per shift.

d. Cutting section (Zakroyny Tsekh)

e. Press section (Shtampovochny Tsekh)

f. Material preparation section (Zagotovitelny Tsekh)

3. Until 1957 the factory prepared all the material required for the production of leather boots for military officers, producing about 4,500 such pairs per month. In 1957 this order was transferred to the Erglis Factory in Riga. In 1952 the factory had begun modernizing its equipment and by 1957 all the sections had modern machinery, mostly of Czech manufacture.

4. Aleksander Spiridonovich Stepanov had been manager of the Rekord Shoe Factory since 1955.

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